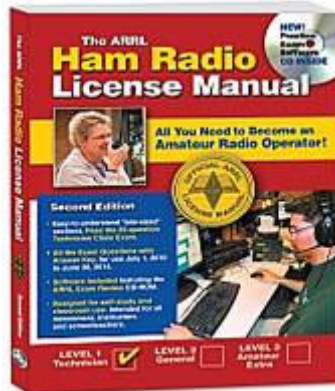


Ham Radio Training at Shelby County Emergency Operations Center



Walter Cronkite, Chet Akins, Marlon Brando, Donny Osmond, and Queen Noor of Jordan....what do they have in common? They are all amateur “ham” radio operators! Amateur radio is the licensed and private use of designated radio bands for purposes of emergency and recreational communications. It is licensed by national governments. The saying goes, “when all else fails, ham radio works!” There are over two million ham radio operators in the United States alone.

The Shelby County Office of Preparedness HLS/EMA, under the direction of Bob Nations, Jr., is offering ham radio training at the Emergency Operations Center at 2668 Avery, Memphis, TN 38112. Starting September 8, 2011, for 10 consecutive Thursdays, the class will meet from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Office of Preparedness Reserve, Ham Hilliard, will facilitate. Information provided will help the ham radio beginner achieve the “Technician” license. Hilliard, an “Extra Class” licensee, holds an FCC commercial license, as well as the Technician rating.

The required class book, “ARRL Ham Radio License Manual – Level 1, Technician” is \$25 if purchased ahead of time through Hilliard. It can also be purchased on Amazon.

The class is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is required. If you are interested in taking the class, please contact Ham Hilliard by email at hamh@bellsouth.net to register.

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